

Claims

- [c1] A method for registering biometric information for use in a smartcard system, said method comprising:
contacting an authorized sample receiver;
proffering a biometric to a biometric sensor to facilitate said biometric being scanned by said sensor such that said sensor obtains a biometric sample; and
providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric sample with user information and smartcard information to create a data packet.
- [c2] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of contacting an authorized sample receiver includes contacting an authorized sample receiver through at least one of a computer, Internet, software, hardware, third-party biometric entity, kiosk, biometric registration terminal, and communication device.
- [c3] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric sample further facilitates at least one of: processing, storing, comparing, and verifying said biometric sample.

- [c4] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric sample with user information and smartcard information further facilitates associating said proffered biometric sample with at least one of: personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information.
- [c5] The method of claim 4, wherein said step of providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric sample further facilitates storing said data packet on a database, wherein said database is contained in at least one of a smartcard, smartcard reader, sensor, remote server, merchant server and smartcard system.
- [c6] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said proffered biometric sample with user information and smartcard information facilitates registration of a biometric sample.

- [c7] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric sample with user information and smartcard information facilitates associating different proffered biometric samples with a different one of: personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information.
- [c8] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric facilitates primarily associating the sample with first user information, wherein said first information comprises at least one of personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information, and wherein said step further facilitates secondarily associating the sample with second user information, wherein said second information comprises at least one of personal informa-

tion, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information, and wherein said second user information is different than said first user information.

- [c9] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric facilitates associating a first proffered biometric sample with first user information, wherein said first information comprises at least one of personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information, and wherein said step of providing user information facilitates associating further facilitates associating a second proffered biometric sample with second user information, wherein said second information comprises at least one of personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information,

Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information.

- [c10] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric facilitates associating a first proffered biometric sample with first user information, wherein said first information comprises at least one of personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information, and wherein said step of providing user information further facilitates associating a second proffered biometric sample with second user information, wherein said second information comprises at least one of personal information, credit card information, debit card information, savings account information, membership information, PayPal account information, Western Union Account information, electronic bill payment information, automatic bill payment information and loyalty point information, wherein said second user information is different than said first user information.

- [c11] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of providing user information and smartcard information to said system to facilitate said system associating said biometric facilitates associating a plurality of proffered biometric samples with user information, wherein each proffered biometric sample is associated with different user information.
- [c12] The method of claim 4, wherein said step of providing user information further facilitates at least one of: processing, storing, comparing, and verifying said biometric sample; wherein said step of verifying includes facilitating the use of one or more secondary security procedures.